Docket No.: 2038-224A PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Hironao MINATO : Confirmation No. -----

U.S. Application No. ---- : Group Art Unit: 3761

Filed: January 16, 2004 : Examiner: K. Reichle

For: DISPOSABLE DIAPER HAVING A MECHANICAL FASTENING SYSTEM (as amended)

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application as to substance, please amend the application as follows.